

THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Test your instincts in a preview of the largest-ever survey of community college trustees.



LAST YEAR, ACCT AND THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF Community Colleges (CSCC) conducted the most comprehensive survey of community college trustees to date. With over 2,000 responses from all five ACCT regions and 43 states and territories, the findings offer a revealing look at who trustees are, what they care about, and how they serve.

The full report will be released at the 2025 ACCT Leadership Congress in New Orleans this October. In the meantime, test your knowledge with some preview findings.

Trustees are living proof of community colleges' impact.

Q1: What percentage of trustees attended a community college?

A) 17% B) 46% C) 64% D) 83%

Q2: Among trustees who were once community college students, how many hold a bachelor's or higher degree?

A) 54% B) 71% C) 83% D) 100%

Q3: What share of these trustees earn over \$200,000 annually?

A) 31% B) 54% C) 71% D) 10%

Who are today's trustees?

Trustees come from a wide range of professional backgrounds. The most common fields include education, training, or library services; business; healthcare; and government.

Q4: Which occupational field is most common among trustees?

A) Business or Finance B) Healthcare
C) Education, Training, or Library D) Legal Services

Q5: What percentage of trustees are women in 2025?

A) 33% B) 47% C) 58% D) 70%

Q6: Which racial/ethnic group is most underrepresented among trustees compared to the U.S. population?

A) Asian B) Black C) Hispanic/Latinx D) Indigenous

Q7: What is the most common age of a trustee in 2025?

A) 52 B) 58 C) 65 D) 70

What campus community members influence boards?

Q8: What percentage of boards include a student trustee?

A) 22% B) 32% C) 45% D) 54%

Q9: Which stakeholder group's opinions are given the most weight in decision-making?

A) Faculty B) Business Leaders C) Students
D) Government Officials

Board-CEO relationships are strong—but how strong?

Q10: What percentage of trustees report a "strong" to "very strong" level of trust between their board and CEO?

A) 55% B) 76% C) 94% D) 96%

What's Next?

The full report will explore:

- How much time trustees dedicate to governance
- Differences between elected and appointed boards
- Boards' biggest challenges and opportunities
- Boards' top strategic priorities and appetites for change
- And much more.

Stay tuned for the full release in October — and see how your board compares.

42% of trustees are first-generation college students

26% worked at a community college

11% are active-duty military or veterans

5% live with disabilities

4% belong to the LGBTQIA+ community

3% are non-native English speakers

ANSWERS: Question 1: C—64%. Question 2: C—83%. Question 3: A—31%. Question 4: C—Education, Training, or Library. Question 5: B—47%. Question 6: C—Hispanic/Latinx. Question 7: D—70. Question 8: D—54%. Question 9: C—Students. Question 10: B and C—76% feel trust between the board and the CEO is very strong. 94% feel mutual trust is strong to very strong.